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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON CLARIFICA-
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1. RE PROBLEM OF DESCRIPTION OF FINAL SOUTH AFRICAN WITH-
DRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA, DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH USUN THAT ANY
ALTERATION OF PRESENT LANGUAGE ON SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL
FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION OF ELECTIONS WOULD RESULT IN STRONG
OBJECTIONS FROM SWAPO. WE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW BRITISH PRO-
POSAL OR OTHER POSSIBLE PERMUTATIONS MIGHT MAKE THIS

PORTION OF THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL MORE PALATABLE TO SOUTH AFRICANS BUT WE BELIEVE THAT ANY GAINS WHICH MIGHT RESULT WITH PRETORIA WOULD BE MORE THAN OFFSET BY SWAPO'S RESPONSE. THEREFORE USUN SHOULD URGE THAT CONTACT GROUP STICK WITH EXISTING LANGUAGE.

2. IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICAN OBJECTIONS ON THIS POINT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION, PERHAPS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, STRESSING THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF PREJUDGING RELATIONSHIPWHICHWILL EVENTUALLY RESULT BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND FREELY ELECTED INDEPENDENT NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT.

AFRICAN FORCES WITH AUGMENTATION OF LOCAL POLICE BY ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL TO THE SATISFACTION OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE (PARA 4 REFTL) IS INTRIGUING ALTHOUGH WE RECALL THAT, IN NEW YORK, SWAPO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT NUMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE IN NAMIBIA REMAIN STATIC DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. VANCE

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